

Provisional Vital Statistics for April 2009

Live births decreased in April as 6,385 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,595 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 4- and 12-month periods ending with April also decreased. For January-April, births decreased by 5.4 percent.

Deaths decreased for all three time periods shown below. For January-April, deaths decreased by 12.7 percent from 20,954 to 18,289.

The **Natural increase** in April was 2,009 (6,385 births minus 4,376 deaths). The natural increase rose for January-April, but decreased for the 12 months ending with April.

Marriages decreased slightly in April as 2,661 Missouri couples married compared with 2,843 in April 2008. For the cumulative 4- and 12- months ending with April, marriages showed little or no change.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased slightly for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with April, the marriage to divorce ratio increased from 1.82 to 1.83.

Infant deaths decreased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with April, the infant death rate decreased from 7.3 to 6.8 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>April</u>				<u>Jan.-Apr. Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with April</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Live Births	6,595	6,385	13.6	13.1	26,506	25,076	13.6	12.8	82,256	79,514	13.9	14.0	13.4
Deaths	4,633	4,376	9.6	8.9	20,954	18,289	10.7	9.3	55,950	53,613	9.3	9.5	9.0
Natural increase	1,962	2,009	4.0	4.1	5,552	6,787	2.8	3.5	26,306	25,901	4.7	4.5	4.4
Marriages	2,843	2,661	5.9	5.4	9,047	9,062	4.6	4.6	40,137	40,161	6.9	6.8	6.8
Dissolutions	1,934	1,887	4.0	3.9	6,998	6,928	3.7	3.6	22,089	21,900	3.8	3.7	3.7
Infant deaths	40	33	6.1	5.2	198	157	7.5	6.3	599	542	7.5	7.3	6.8
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,912	5,952	...	...	5,912	5,952	...	...	5,851	5,892	5,925

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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